

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

April 6, 2015

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Dear Families,

Tomorrow is an Early Release day in Shrewsbury. At the Elementary level, teachers across the district will gather to analyze student pieces and to make final decisions about common expectations for student writing. Thank you for supporting this important work; these final touches represent the culmination of years of investment in the Shrewsbury Writing Project. At Coolidge we celebrated the positive outcomes of this project for students just last week: the Kindergarten team submitted “how to” books created by our resident five year olds, and the instructional coaches were tasked with choosing exemplars. It was hard to select just a few pieces; most students created engaging, personalized books that were three pages long, with thoughtful sentences and detailed illustrations. The growth depicted in this work was impressive, especially when compared to their first writing samples. Developing a growth mindset in our students is key. Accordingly, I am asking for your help.

This afternoon your child will come home with the trimester 2 report card. **Please review the “Habits of Mind” section first.** Pay close attention to the effort grade, and ask your child to tell you about what they think they’ve been working hard to learn lately. Finally, please look to see how consistent your child is in applying this habit in their everyday work at school. Simply put, our teachers would like to work with you so that more Coolidge students work hard in school more consistently. At every grading period teachers emphasize the importance of “doing your best”. As a school, we’ve also made a concerted effort to highlight and celebrate effort. And yet, we do have students that flip through pages of a book during independent reading rather than “really reading”. Other children recognize the need to learn their sums- and fail to practice. Still more students decline to accept challenges during enrichment time. As a faculty we are committed to engaging more students in rigorous work in Trimester 3. Please help!

Tomorrow we will publish the names of children who earned a ‘consistent’ mark on their report card for effort. At school this week we’ll celebrate those that have maintained their level of effort since Trimester 1, and we’ll applaud students that are new to the list. At home, please look for your child’s name. If your child is recognized for effort, please continue the celebration at home. If your child is not on the list yet, please:

- read the teacher comments for clues about how your child can improve,
- set an effort goal with your child for trimester 3, and
- reach out to your child’s teacher to learn more about how you can support your child.

Elementary school is a good place to learn and to grow. Please support our efforts and join the conversation about how to engage your child in demonstrating a positive mindset at school.

Sincerely,

Amy

Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday	April 6, Report Cards go home
TOMORROW	April 7, Early Release Day- students out at 12:15
Friday	April 10 Spring Fling & Bookfair, 5:30 & 7 pm

Thursday	April 16, PTO Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center
Friday	April 17 Bookfair ends
Monday	April 20-24 Spring Vacation
	Town Election
Friday	May 8 School Store
Monday	May 11 GR 3 PARCC ELA
Tuesday	May 12 GR 4 PARCC ELA
Thursday	May 21 PTO 7 pm in the media Center
Friday	May 22 last School Store
Monday	May 25 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL

PARCC Assessment Dates (PARCC replaces MCAS starting this year.)

Grade 4

Math

April 1 and April 2

Please note End of Year Assessment dates as well:

Grade 3

English Language Arts

May 11

Math

May 13 and May 14

Grade 4

English Language Arts

May 12

Math

May 18 and May 19

FYI

1. Bus Registration Open with New Incentive: The annual bus privilege registration opened yesterday, and we already have over 400 registrations! New this year, families who register online and pay (if owed) by the June 1 deadline will be eligible for [rebate and prize drawings](#), including a possible FULL REFUND. Click [here](#) for information or to register.

2. Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run

Who is up for the challenge of participating in the Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5k/Fun Run?? Both the mile race and the 5K race start at 12pm on Sunday, April 12th at Oak Middle School. The registration form is on the SPS website. For more information, visit: www.shrewsburyroadscholars.org Hope to see you there!

3. Mark your calendars!

Field Day June 5th

4th Grade Parents, please note: Completion Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 9:30

PTO INFO

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PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO" <http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

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1. Get your Spring Fling tickets now! Friday, April 10th. \$5/pp with a \$25 cap. Two seatings: 5:30-6:30 and 7pm - 8pm. Ice cream, bingo, and lots of great raffle prizes are sure to make this an event you won't want to miss!

2. Yankee Candle ORDER PICKUP will be on April 10th at 4:30-7pm. Mark your calendars! If you cannot pick up your order, please make arrangements to have someone pick it up on your behalf. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel at rachelreeve@yahoo.com. I'm looking for volunteers to help me during order pick up. If you can lend a hand, please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f49aaa82aa20-yankee>

3.The Coolidge PTO Needs Your Help for the 2015-2016 School Year! Contact

ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

President: The President arranges PTO Board discussions and leads the PTO general meetings. The President facilitates communication among the volunteers, helping to find answers to questions. This person also works with the Volunteer Coordinator to find volunteers to lead our fundraisers and events. The President attends monthly district meetings with the Superintendent and other PTO Presidents to share information and discuss school issues. The President also helps address questions posed by members of the community. This is something that you can do!

Vice-President: The Vice-President attends PTO Board meetings and PTO general meetings, sharing thoughts and ideas to help plan for the future and address issues that arise. The Vice-President also supports the President as needed. This is a terrific way to learn about the PTO without a huge time commitment. You could handle this!

Each position can also be shared. Let us know if you will consider being our Co-President or Co-Vice-President. If you would prefer to be considered for Treasurer or Secretary, we'd like to know that too. **Elections will be held at our PTO Meeting on April 16th in the Media Center.**

4. PTO Meeting: Everyone is encouraged to join us on **Thursday, April 16th at 7pm** in the Media Center. In order for the PTO to continue its essential support of our school, we need new people to come work with us. **Anyone interested in being involved with the PTO please join us at this meeting to learn how you can help** or contact Rachel (rachelreeve@yahoo.com). We will be discussing the board positions and voting to fill each role for next year. We will also hear updates on our fundraisers and events, the enrichment program plans, and more. Contact us at ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you have any questions or have an item for the agenda.

5.April Vacation Roller Skating Fundraiser: The PTO will be sponsoring a fundraiser at Roller Kingdom in Hudson on Thursday, April 23rd from 10am-12pm. This will be an open skate opportunity for all Shrewsbury students, family and friends. Admission will be \$5 per skater (payable to Coolidge PTO at the door). This is not a drop-off event and parent admission is free! Bring your own skates/blades or rent for \$3.

Directions: Rt 495 North to exit 26(Rt 62 east)

Take a right at the end of the ramp.

Roller Kingdom is ¾ mile on your right

Turn right on Highland Park Ave in Hudson

Please contact Thomas Pelley at pelley49@yahoo.com with any questions.

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com